

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 122

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Johnson City Health Care Consortium and the members who comprise this group on their receipt of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such group is the Johnson City Health Care Consortium, which is comprised of outstanding individuals who were honored with the Tennessee Board of Regents' Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy for providing sustained financial support to the practical nursing program at Tennessee Technology Center (TTC) at Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence was created in 2002 and recognizes individuals or organizations that have given special assistance to at least one Tennessee Board of Regents' institution and whose financial assistance and/or leadership have been of importance to the nominating institution; and

WHEREAS, the TTC at Elizabethton admits more than 370 LPN students each year, making it one of the largest licensed practical nursing programs in Tennessee; LPN students at TTC Elizabethton obtain clinical experience in hospitals, nursing homes, doctor's offices, and health departments in the region; and

WHEREAS, Charles Manning, Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, presented the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy to Kathryn Wilhoit, Nyda Bays, Gwen Hendrix, George Brewer, and Janet Jones, all of whom were selected as recipients for

their contributions and their institution's contributions, both in resources and volunteer efforts, in supporting this outstanding Tennessee Board of Regents' institution; and

WHEREAS, Charles Manning said of these illustrious recipients, "Your distinguished commitment, leadership, support, and enthusiasm for the practical nursing program at Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton makes members of the Johnson City Health Care Consortium most worthy recipients of this award."; and

WHEREAS, honoree Kathryn Wilhoit serves as Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive of Mountain States Health Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Nyda Bays serves as Administrator of Lakebridge Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Hendrix serves as Administrator of Appalachian Christian Village; and

WHEREAS, George Brewer serves as Administrator of Asbury Place; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jones serves as Administrator of Erwin Health Care; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Health Care Consortium contributed more than \$300,000 to the nursing program at TTC at Elizabethton, causing the school's Director to state, "These funds helped to defray nursing faculty salary and classroom material expenses to meet a growing student enrollment."; and

WHEREAS, these worthy honorees are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Johnson City Health Care Consortium and those institutions and people who comprise this group, including Kathryn Wilhoit, Nyda Bays, Gwen Hendrix, George Brewer, and Janet Jones on their receipt of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy from the Tennessee Board of Regents for their financial support of the practical nursing program at Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton and wish them every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.